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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1585 - PHOTOGRAPHIC
EQUIPMENT

REF: A. OECD PARIS 7237

B. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1585/2

L. REF. B, CIRCULATED APRIL 4, IS UK COUNTERPROPOSAL TO
TO US PROPOSAL INTRODUCED PER STATE 266400, 12/4/74.
SINCE THIS ITEM IS DUE FOR DISCUSSION APRIL 14, SUB-
STANTIVE PORTIONS ARE QUOTED BELOW:
REPLACE SUB ITEM IL 1585(A) BY THE FOLLOWING:

"(A) HIGH-SPEED CINEMA RECORDING CAMERAS, AS FOLLOWS:

(L) CAMERAS IN WHICH THE FILM IS CONTINUOUSLY ADVANCED
THROUGHOUT THE RECORDING PERIOD, AND WHICH ARE CAP-
ABLE OF RECORDING AT RATES EXCEEDING 5,700 FRAMES
PER SECOND FOR THE FULL FRAMING HEIGHT OF STANDARD
35 MM WIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM, OR PROPORTIONATELY
HIGHER RATES FOR LESSER FRAME HEIGHTS, OR PROPOR-
TIONATELY LOWER RATES FOR GREATER FRAME HEIGHTS;

(2) SPECIAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT REPLACE OR ARE INTER-
CHANGEABLE WITH STANDARD CAMERA COMPONENTS FOR THE
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PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FRAMES PER

SECOND TO A RATE EXCEEDING THAT SPECIFIED IN (A) (L)
ABOVE."

JUSTIFICATION

THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL RECORDED IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF COCOM DOC. REV(74)1585/1. THEY NOTE THAT IT CONSTITUTES AN INCREASE IN THE EMBARGO ON CAMERAS USING 8 MM FILM. AS POINTED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, IT IS DIFFICULT TO REACH THE SPEED INDICATED FOR STANDARD SIZED FILMS LARGER THAN 16 MM. THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WOULD THEREFORE SEEM TO BE TO PLACE A LIMIT OF 12,500 FRAMES PER SECOND ON 16 MM CINEMA RECORDING CAMERAS. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH INTERPRETING THE EXISTING DEFINITION OF (A) (1), WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE MORE LOGICAL THAN THAT PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENTLY THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES PROPOSE THAT THE EXISTING FORMAT OF (A) (1) BE RETAINED, BUT THAT THE PRESENT FIGURE OF 3000 SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A FIGURE OF 5,700 FRAMES PER SECOND (THE EQUIVALENT, AT 35 MM, OF 12,500 FRAMES PER SEC AT 16MM).

AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 24 OF THE RECORD, WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED NEW SUB-ITEM (A) (2), THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES DO NOT CONSIDER THAT OPTICAL DEVICES ARE OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE. THEY ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION (PARAGRAPH 21 OF THE RECORD).

2. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) INSTRUCTIONS ON FOREGOING COUNTERPROPOSAL, (B) RESPONSE TO UK DEL QUERY IN REF A, AND (C) INDICATION WHETHER DR. MONTEAU OR OTHER EXPERT WILL ATTEND ROUND II. BROCHURES OR OTHER DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL ON ADD-ON PORTIONS OF US PROPOSAL SHOULD ALSO BE POUCHED ASAP.

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